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E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: EMIN, EINV, CT
SUBJ: EXPLOITATION OF BAKOUMA URANIUM DEPOSIT

REF: STATE 278176
1. FROM A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH ALUSUISSE'S RESIDENT DIRECTOR IN BANGUI (JEAN ALABERT) IT APPEARS THAT ALUSUISSE IS FAIRLY ACTIVELY PURSUING POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING PARTICIPATION IN BAKOUMA PROJECT. ALABERT HAS TOLD US IN CONFIDENCE THAT IN AUGUST PRESIDENT OF ALUSUISSE HAD MEETING WITH ENERGY SECRETARY SCHLESINGER IN WHICH US PARTICIPATION IN BAKOUMA CAME UP. ACCORDING TO ALABERT, THIS LED TO SUBSEQUENT CONTACT WITH UTAH INTERNATIONAL. HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY CONTACT WITH UNION CARBIDE. ALABERT SAID THAT GIVEN SIZE OF PROJECT ALUSUISSE WAS LOOKING TO REDUCE BOTH FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL RISKS; HENCE ITS INTEREST IN POSSIBLE AMERICAN PARTICIPATION.

2. ALABERT ALSO NOTED THAT EXPLOITATION OF BAKOUMA DEPOSITS IS STILL SOME DISTANCE AWAY. NONETHELESS ALUSUISSE IS STEPPING UP THE PACE OF ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE CAE AND IN 1978 PLANS A BUDGET OF BETWEEN $3 AND 4 MILLION, ROUGHLY THREE TIMES THE AVERAGE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE OF RECENT YEARS.

3. COMMENT: WE APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S KEEPING US INFORMED OF CONTACTS RELATING TO BAKOUMA. OBVIOUSLY WERE AN AMERICAN
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CORPORATION TO BECOME INVOLVED IT WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGE THE NATURE OF OUR INTERESTS IN THE CAE.
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